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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of New Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Azusa has a building boom. San Pedro has thirty saloons. Redlands is to have a curfew ordinance. Flagstaff, Ariz., needs a first-class opera-house. W. T. Webb has been elected Mayor of Pima, Ariz. The receipts of Orange county last year were \$312,960. Redlands will be lighted with incandescent electric lights. Santa Ana voted to issue \$65,000 4 1/2 per cent. forty-year sewer bonds. The estate of the late T. D. Stimson of Los Angeles is valued at \$1,300,000. The sheep-shearing season has opened in the Salt River Valley, Ariz. Nearly six hundred wheelmen participated in the Pasadena bicycle parade. A large wharf 450 feet long is being built at Laguna Beach near Santa Ana. A twelve-room addition is to be built to the Clifton Hotel in Clifton, Ariz. A new postoffice has been established at Asphalte, Santa Barbara county. The Redlands public library now has a membership of 1178, the largest in its history. Miners are making from \$2 to \$5 a day working gravel claims in Yavapai county, Ariz. The police courts of Los Angeles have been declared constitutional by the Superior judges. Santa Monica has a genuine case of hydrophobia in which Lucy Olivera, aged 6, is the victim. The Horticultural Commissioner has removed 1466 scale-infested trees from city lots in Pasadena. Los Angeles building permits in January exceed in amount those of San Francisco by 219 to 188. Lack of municipal funds makes strict economy necessary at Riverside, and stops street improvement. R. A. Bird, once private secretary to J. G. Griffith, was found guilty by a Los Angeles jury of forging. Los Angeles postoffice business in January showed a gain of 21 per cent. over the corresponding time last year. Satisfactory progress is reported in the work of boring for coal at the coal camp nine miles above Solomonville, Ariz. There are seventy-eight hobos in the San Bernardino jail and the Sheriff says there are no quarters for any more. S. W. Page, a salesman for Charles Gassen, a Los Angeles butcher, was killed in a bicycle collision with Herman Glass. Since July, 1897, the net earnings of the Santa Fe system show an increase over those for the same time in 1896 of \$740,000. The Santa Barbara Republican City Central Committee has rescinded the call for a primary election and city convention. W. J. Washburn has been appointed receiver of the Bankers' Alliance of California, in Los Angeles, with a bond of \$50,000. Fong See, a Chinese student at Pomona College, has been appointed secretary to General Ballington Booth of the Salvation Army. It is announced that within six months a new electric road costing \$300,000 will be in operation between Los Angeles and Pasadena. It is rumored that the hotel at Arrowhead is to be rebuilt, and that an electric line is to be run from San Bernardino to the hotel site. The Republican League, Los Angeles county branch, reports a membership of over six hundred, and proposes to establish permanent headquarters. William Alexander Wood celebrated his one hundredth anniversary at Altadena on Saturday. His grandfather was 127 years old and his grandmother 103. High surf at Terminal Island has been destroying the ship canal of late and the Terminal Company has been building breakwaters for protection. It is reported that the fall of snow in the San Gabriel Canon has been so heavy this year that there will be a fair flow of water, even if no more rain falls. Arrivals at Hotel del Coronado exceed those of any previous year since

the boom. There are 1500 more arrivals than at the same time last year.

M. H. Weight, one of the best-known citizens of Pasadena, will act as purser of the Banning Bros. steamer *Hermosa*, which is to run from Seattle to the Klondike.

Attorney John D. Works of Los Angeles, ex-judge of the Supreme Court, was fined \$250 by Judge Hughes of San Diego for contempt of court for introducing a change of venue.

At Pasadena one of the principal industries is the manufacturing of brick. A contract has been signed by a Pasadena firm to furnish 113 carloads of brick for the Oxnard sugar refinery.

The estate of the late A. P. More of Santa Barbara has been appraised at \$741,094.62. The principal item of the property is Santa Rosa Island, embracing 62,691 acres, valued at \$501,568. There were \$32,058.38 spent for roads in San Bernardino county last year and \$64,129.99 for salaries of county officials. The schools took \$205,255.55 of the taxes collected and the State \$70,407.758.

Company C, N.G.C., of Los Angeles dropped to the foot of the Seventh Regiment in its recent semi-annual target shoot. The score was 43.05, the highest, 58, being made by Lieut. J. W. George.

Winslow is in competition with Flagstaff for first place on the Santa Fe Pacific line. The population of the former town is now past the 1000 mark, an increase of 300 in less than two years.

Mr. T. A. Cockburn of the South Pasadena Ostrich Farm has gone to San Antonio, Tex., where a new ostrich farm will be opened. The birds will be shipped from the Norwalk farm in a few days.

The water company of Los Angeles have been asked to furnish the Council an inventory of the improvements made during its lease of thirty years, and to state the price at which it will sell those improvements.

The California Cycleway Company of Pasadena, has decided to issue \$100,000 twenty-year bonds at 6 per cent. interest. The right-of-way for the cycleway between Los Angeles and Pasadena has been secured.

Extensive development work in the oil wells of Southern California is on the tapis. New districts are to be opened up and old ones developed. The price remains stiff at \$1.05 f.o.b., with an upward tendency.

Imports at Port Los Angeles for January were 684,507 feet of lumber, 29,953 ties, 13,193 tons of coal, rails and merchandise; exports 710 tons of grain, 103 tons of merchandise. Forty-five vessels arrived and departed.

The Santa Fe's burned-out tunnel at Williams is extinguished, and the men are busy at work placing the steel lining in place. It required two carloads of steel plate sent by passenger train from Chicago to case the tunnel.

The Los Angeles Supervisors have been advised by the Attorney-General that the county would be required to pay the sum of \$24,875.14 as its share of the cost of maintenance of the Whittier reform school for the current year.

The fifth annual tournament of the Arizona Sportsmen's Association will be held in Tucson on February 20, 21 and 22, under the auspices of the Blue Rock Gun Club, and promises to be the biggest tournament ever held in Arizona.

The Southern California Republican League held a banquet on the night of Lincoln's birthday, February 12, at Los Angeles. George Knight, the San Francisco spellbinder, was the star attraction at the feast. Silver-tongued Thomas G. Fitch also spoke.

The powder works at Santa Cruz have been busy filling a government contract for smokeless powder. This month 12,000 kegs of blasting powder have been shipped from the works, the largest shipment of any month in years. The average daily output now is 840 kegs.

The members of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce have been invited to visit the Ostrich Farm on February 22, and view the plucking of the birds. The finest birds on the farm, with Major McKinley at the head of the list, are to lose their proudest feathers.

A gentleman living in that city, who was the possessor of a kennel containing some of the best dogs in the State, called in a veterinary surgeon and had the whole lot chloroformed, as one of the number had shown unmistakable symptoms of the dread disease.

Los Angeles is having a hydrophobia. The Los Angeles Coursing Club has debarred Dr. Van Hummel of Indianapolis, Ind., from further participating in its coursing matches. He is charged with running in a "ringer" on the club, whereby he succeeded in skinning the pool box.

The United States land office reports 6,000,000 acres open for settlement in Southern California, fully one-half of which, it is stated, is capable of reclamation by the ordinary methods of irrigation, with a sufficient rainfall to supply all necessary reservoirs if water is properly utilized.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Charles M. Shortridge has returned to his home at San José.

The government will build a \$400,000 revenue cutter for Yukon River use.

A postoffice has been established at Iticardo, Kern county, and Rudolph Hagon is postmaster.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is about to build a large hospital in San Francisco.

Max Pauly, a San Francisco machinist, shot himself because he could not make a flying machine.

A rowboat was carried over the falls at Oregon City and four men were drowned, one only escaping.

Canada officials decide that United States soldiers under arms cannot accompany the Yukon relief expedition.

Judge Morrow has decided that the Coal Dealers' Association, an organization formed to keep up the price of coal in San Francisco, is an illegal body.

Ex-Mayor Sutro of San Francisco has been declared mentally incompetent to manage his affairs and his daughter has been appointed his guardian.

A syndicate is reported to have hired 5000 Japanese for work in the Klondike gold fields. They will be taken there through British territory. Trouble is anticipated.

News has been received of a landslide at Quesnelle. William Allen, Joe Rich and Alex McLean were buried. The slide was 1000 feet wide, 800 feet long and twenty-five feet high.

The shipment of Klondike goods from southern ports to Victoria, B. C., for transfer into British vessels, is illegal under United States laws and many Klondikers are affected thereby.

Mrs. Thomas Watson, only daughter of Claus Spreckels, will sue to get back the \$150,000 property she returned to the estate under the first generosity of her unforgotten marriage.

Mrs. Emma H. Crocker, wife of George Crocker, the California millionaire, has filed plans for a five-story stone front dwelling in San Francisco. She estimates the cost of the house at \$100,000.

Surveyors have commenced to survey reservoir sites in the vicinity of Big Creek, near Santa Cruz, and will survey a line over the mountains to San Jose to furnish power for electrical purposes.

Wells, Fargo & Co. are erecting an immense office building in San Francisco, to cost \$350,000; it will be absolutely fire proof, and the most improved methods of construction are to be used in every department.

The G. V. G. and N. Railroad will be extended to Globe, Ariz., an agreement having after many months been reached with the 1500 Apache Indians in council assembled. The road pays the Indians tribal and individually a round sum.

The town of Alameda has a labor exchange running full blast and doing business. Thirty-five firms of the city, representing all branches of trade, have signed an agreement agreeing to take the labor-exchange checks the same as cash.

A decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Dr. Joseph C. Hearne of San Diego vs. M. H. de Young et al., reversed the decision of the lower court in awarding the plaintiff \$10,000 damages against the San Francisco Chronicle for libel.

W. E. D. Stokes of New York has come into possession of the private papers and a careful diary of William M. Tweed, and is writing a book on the subject. The diary is said to show that many prominent New Yorkers were involved with Tweed.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has taken the steamer *Homer* off the coast run, and in the place of that vessel has substituted the steamer *Bonita*. The *Bonita* will run as a freight vessel only and will not, until further notice, carry any passengers.

The Snow and Ice Transportation Company of Chicago, which has the contract for transporting the government relief supplies from Skaguay to Dawson, has let a contract to the Portland Iron Works for building frames and assembling machinery of six snow and ice locomotives.

T. W. Flannigan, Sol Frost, Henry Swart and C. G. Foster of Milwaukee, wealthy lumber men, have gone to Seattle, Wash., where they will purchase 300,000,000 feet of sugar pine with a sawmill plant in Northern

Oregon, near the border line. The deal will involve \$400,000.

It is probable that California will be well represented at the Transmississippi International Exposition, which will open at Omaha in June. It is now proposed by those interested in the matter to send to Omaha all the best features of the mining fair, which opens here on Saturday and in addition to make a complete display of the State's cereals, fruits and wines.

Mrs. Florence Blythe-Hinckley has signed twenty-five mortgages on her estate, aggregating \$232,991, the purpose being to satisfy the claims of attorneys and other creditors. The most important feature of the transaction was the settlement by compromise of the demands of Mrs. Kate C. Byrne against the Blythe estate, which amounted to 10 per cent. interest. Mrs. Byrne, formerly Mrs. Perry, agreed to accept \$270,000.

A contract has been signed for the construction of a railway from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, from which point steamers will run to Dawson City. The distance is about one hundred and thirty miles and over a fairly good country for railway construction. The Canadian government gives 5,000 acres of land per mile as a subsidy and the road is to be ready for transportation of supplies into the Yukon country before next winter sets in.

### MINES AND MINING.

Southern California as a Mining Center.

The Canadian government has announced that dredging for gold in streams on British territory is strictly forbidden.

Mexico's gold production last year was \$6,891,826.

A rush has been started for Colville, Wash., by new gold discoveries, where ninety feet down the gold crops out in layers almost free, and the quartz runs \$25,000 to \$40,000 to the ton.

Southern California offers more and better inducements for the prospector than any other known section. Here it was that he first gold was found on the Pacific Coast, and the laurels have not been wrested from her.

Over six thousand men are engaged in mining, with 1000 stamps falling steadily on gold ore, which have added \$140,000,000 of wealth to the State, while \$20,000,000 is a conservative estimate of the capital invested in the industry.

This estimate is for the portion of the State lying south of the Tehachapi.

Los Angeles is furnishing abundance of capital to prospect and develop the mines of this section. The enterprising merchants and dealers in mining machinery hoists, assayers' supplies and mills are branching into Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico and Lower California, making serious inroads in these lines upon those who formerly monopolized the trade.

The sales for the past year of mine machinery and mining supplies reached \$500,000, in which is not included the necessities and sundries furnished by jobbers and manufacturers.

Reports from the assayers in Los Angeles show that a total of \$825,811 of gold bullion was handled during 1897.

### MORE RICH STRIKES IN ALASKA.

The steamship *Coquitlam*, which recently struck on a rock near Mary Island off the southwest coast of Alaska, while bound north, has arrived direct from Skaguay, bringing news of affairs in the northern Territory.

The news that rich strikes have been made on the Big Salmon has been confirmed by a party who come out for supplies. Pay dirt yielding 30 cents to the pan has been discovered in gravel above bedrock, which at last report had not been reached. On Henderson Creek, five miles below the Stewart, good strikes have been made. It is likely the stream will prove rich in gold.

The latest report from the interior of Alaska are especially encouraging. Minook River and its tributaries, as well as scores of other streams in that region, promise to surprise the world, says a returning prospector, in the next year, and all of the United States will rejoice. It is now generally conceded that the winter's clean-up will not be more than \$10,000,000.

The *Coquitlam* passed twenty steamers bound for Skaguay. Skaguay is already overcrowded and work is scarce.

### SILVER MINING.

Some people have an idea that the silver-mining industry in Colorado has been entirely killed by the decline in the value of the metal. This, however, is not the case. Notwithstanding the recent decline in the value of silver, the mining industry in Colorado is generally in a prosperous condition, according to the *Engineering and Mining Journal*. This may be attributed partly to the higher prices for lead and copper, and the reduction in railway freights from certain districts, especially Leadville; and partly to the increased attention that is being paid to the mining of gold, which nominally does not vary in price.

## EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Indians at the Carlisle school cleared \$7000 in the football games of the past season.

J. and W. Seligman, New York brokers, may undertake the refunding of Mexico's debt.

Potter Palmer, the Chicago millionaire, will build a \$3,000,000 summer residence at Newport.

Gen. Lew Wallace will donate in his will the new library building at Crawfordsville to the city.

A mission has been started in Kansas City where a meal is served for 1 cent and a bed and bath for 5 cents.

Colorado silver Republicans and Populists have decided to work together in the coming Congressional election.

A company has applied for a charter to construct a canal between Lake Superior and Rainey Lake, Canada, a distance of 1700 miles.

There is a movement on foot among the sporting editors of the country to boycott pugilists who persist in talking and do not fight.

The advance in wages February 1 at the Carnegie mills of Ironwood, Mich., averaging 10 per cent., was made general through the district.

It is estimated on a correct basis that 25,000 men in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan will go to Klondike this spring; 2114 will leave soon.

One of the biggest silk manufacturing houses in Europe, with mills at Clefield, Germany, will remove to Paterson, N. J., and build what is to be the largest silk mill in the United States.

The Rhode Island Locomotive Works of Providence, has filed a petition in insolvency, placing its assets at \$518,000, and its liabilities at \$616,000. Charles H. Wilson has been appointed custodian.

Mrs. Clara S. Foltz, the pioneer woman lawyer of California, and who has won flattering recognition in the courts of New York, has left for San Francisco, stopping at Chicago a few days en route.

A remarkably fast run for a western road was made by the Santa Fe east-bound limited. The train left La Junta, Colo., at 8:50 a.m., five hours late, and arrived at Dodge City, Kan., at 12:37 p.m., making the 202 1/2 miles at an average rate of 53 1/4 miles an hour.

George Pullman is receiving hundreds of letters from women. The increase in his correspondence is on account of his recently-broken engagement. Many fair ones offer themselves. His secretary opens all letters. Among them are several from Los Angeles.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

The House has passed the Military Academy Bill.

Senator Davis denies that the Hawaiian treaty will be abandoned.

Japan has withdrawn all objections to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States.

The President nominated Harry Bailey of Oregon to be receiver of public moneys at Lake View. Or.

Senator Morgan believes that the Nicaraguan Canal prospects were never so bright as at present.

The Cuban correspondence called for relative to the execution of Col. Ruiz has been received by the House.

United States Consul Keenan at Bremen reports that American lumber is being discriminated against by Prussia.

Senator Morgan has amended Senator White's resolution by providing distinctively for immediate annexation.

Ex-Gov. Boies of Iowa has a new financial scheme, contemplating a redeemable currency as a substitute for free coinage.

Rear Admiral Sicard is temporarily relieved of duty as commander of the North Atlantic Squadron by sickness, and is succeeded by Capt. Sampson of the Iowa.

In the way of retaliation it is suggested in Washington that German wines may be excluded from this country on account of their notorious impurity.

The government has decided to pay off the first lien-holders of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company and to ask for postponement of the sale to a date not yet fixed.

A Washington dispatch says that hereafter editors who are appointed postmasters will be permitted to continue their newspaper work without interference of the department.

In the House a bill was passed authorizing the Lewiston and Concord Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Snake River between Idaho and Washington.

Congressman H. S. Boutelle of the Sixth Illinois District, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Congressman Edward Cook, deceased, has been nominated by the Republicans to succeed himself.